

# **Republicans Have Provided Help for the Unemployed and Created Jobs**

*Prepared by Republican Staff*

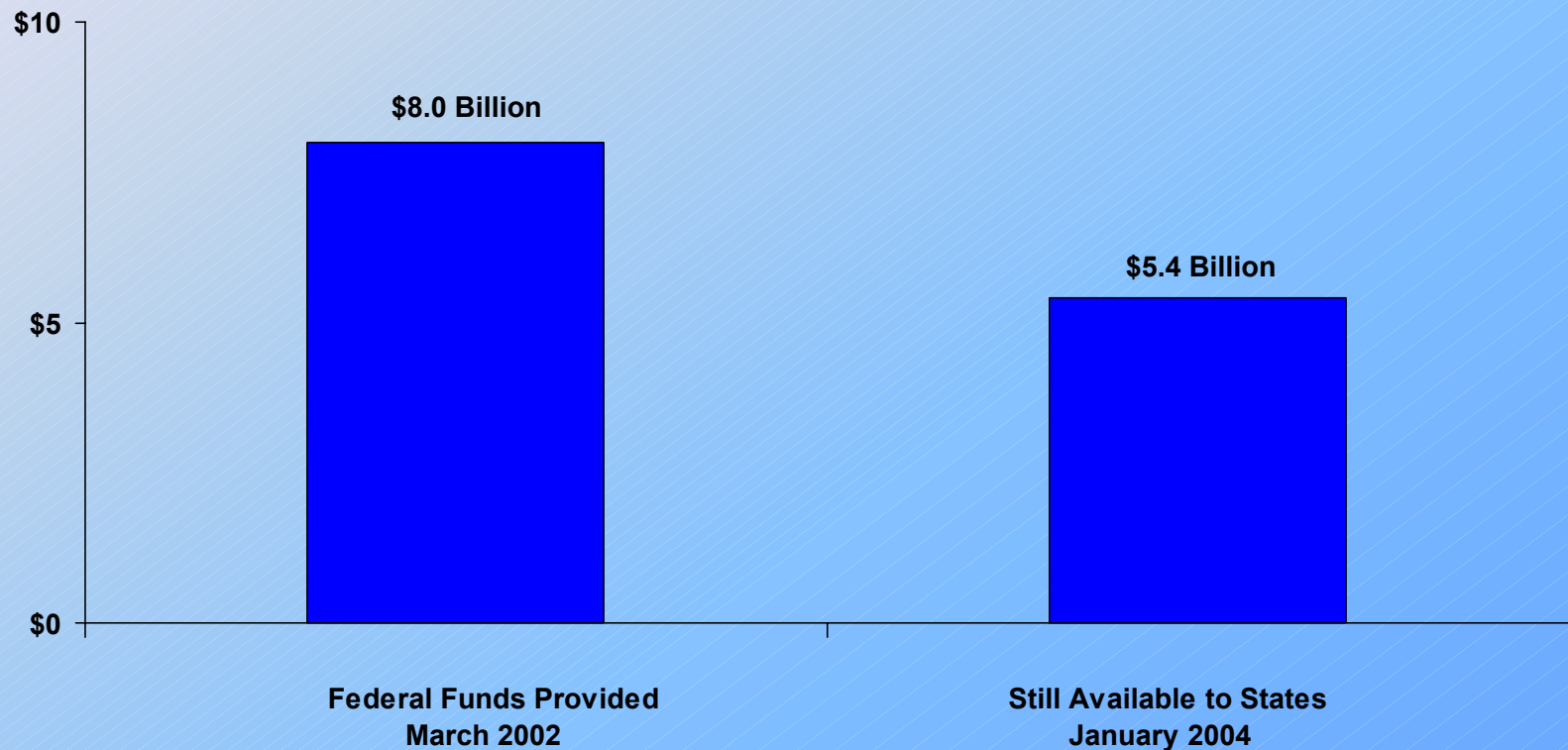
**Committee on Ways and Means**

**February 2004**

# Record Federal Unemployment Support Provided By Republicans

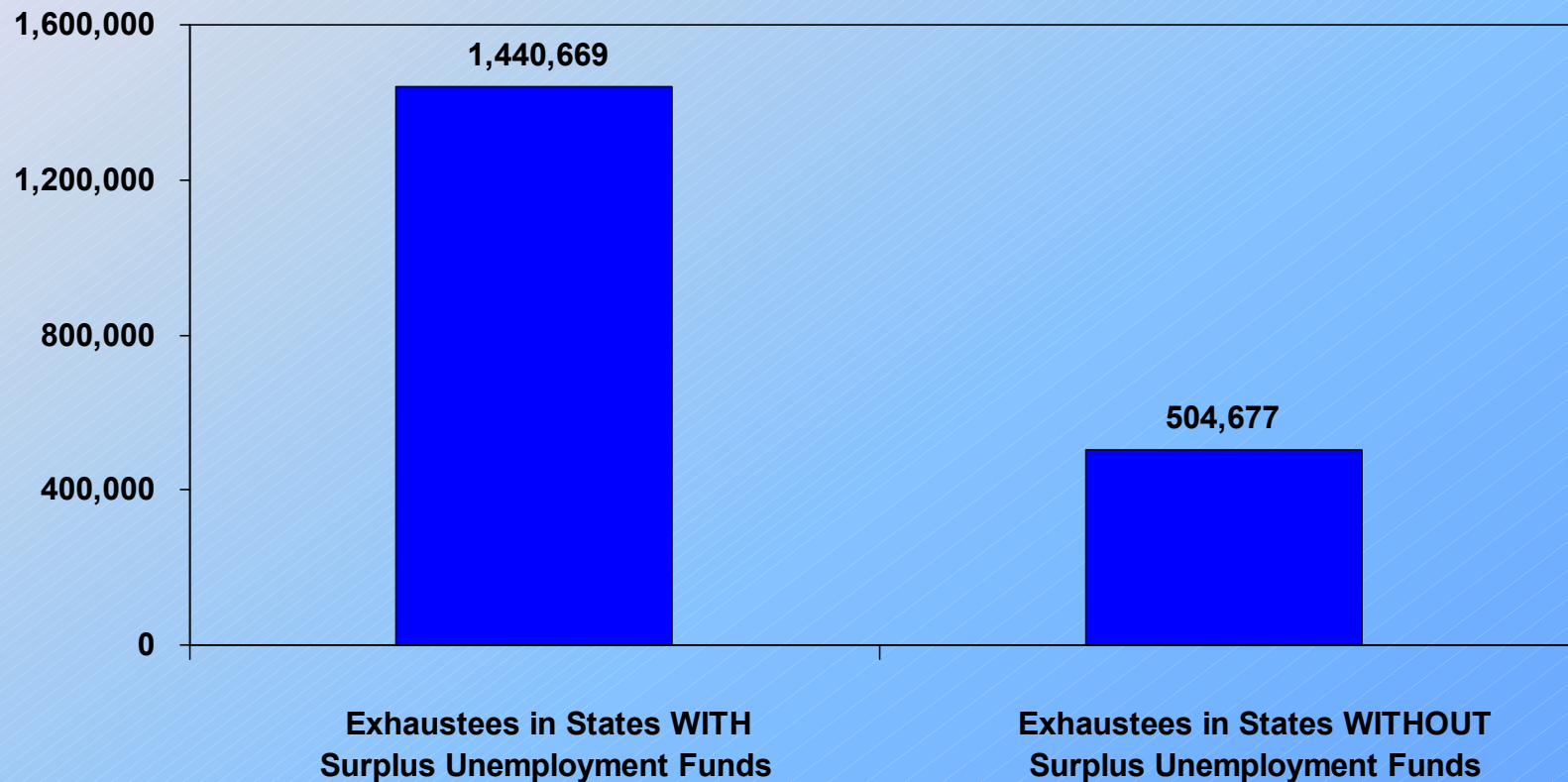
- In March 2002, Congress created a special extended unemployment benefits program.
  - These benefits are available through March 2004.
  - \$24 billion in special benefits will be paid to 8 million recipients.
  - Under this temporary program, unemployed workers can receive 9 months of total benefits, or up to 15 months where jobs are scarce.
- Congress also gave States a record \$8 billion in Federal funds for the unemployed.
  - This kept State taxes from rising in 30 States, according to GAO.

# States Still Have More Than \$5 Billion in Federal Funds for Unemployed



Source: U.S. Department of Labor.

# 3 in 4 Benefit “Exhaustees” Live in States with \$5.4 Billion Surplus



*Source: Committee on Ways and Means calculations, based on estimates for first six months of 2004 from Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and U.S. Department of Labor data.*

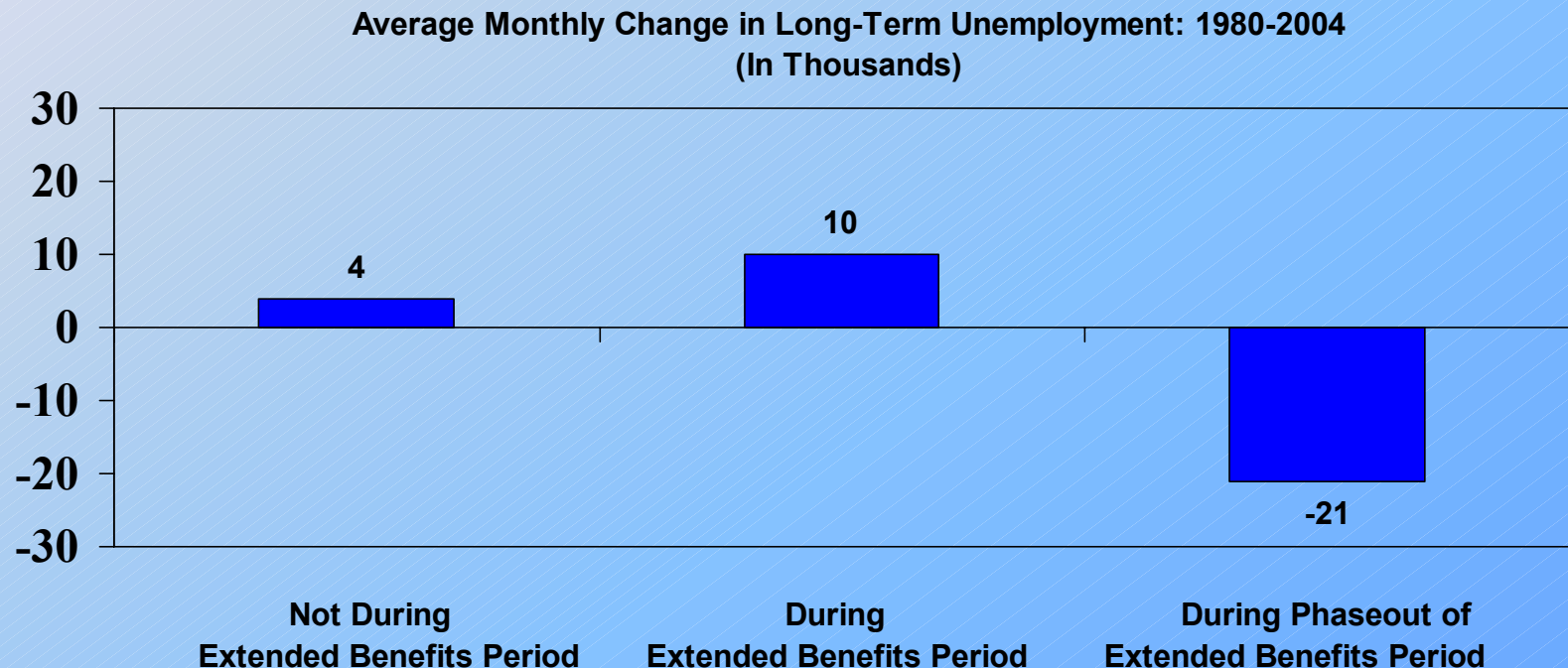
# Fewer Long-Term Unemployed Today

Long-term (27 Weeks and Over) Unemployed as a Percentage of the Employed Civilian Labor Force (Seasonally-Adjusted), 1980-Present

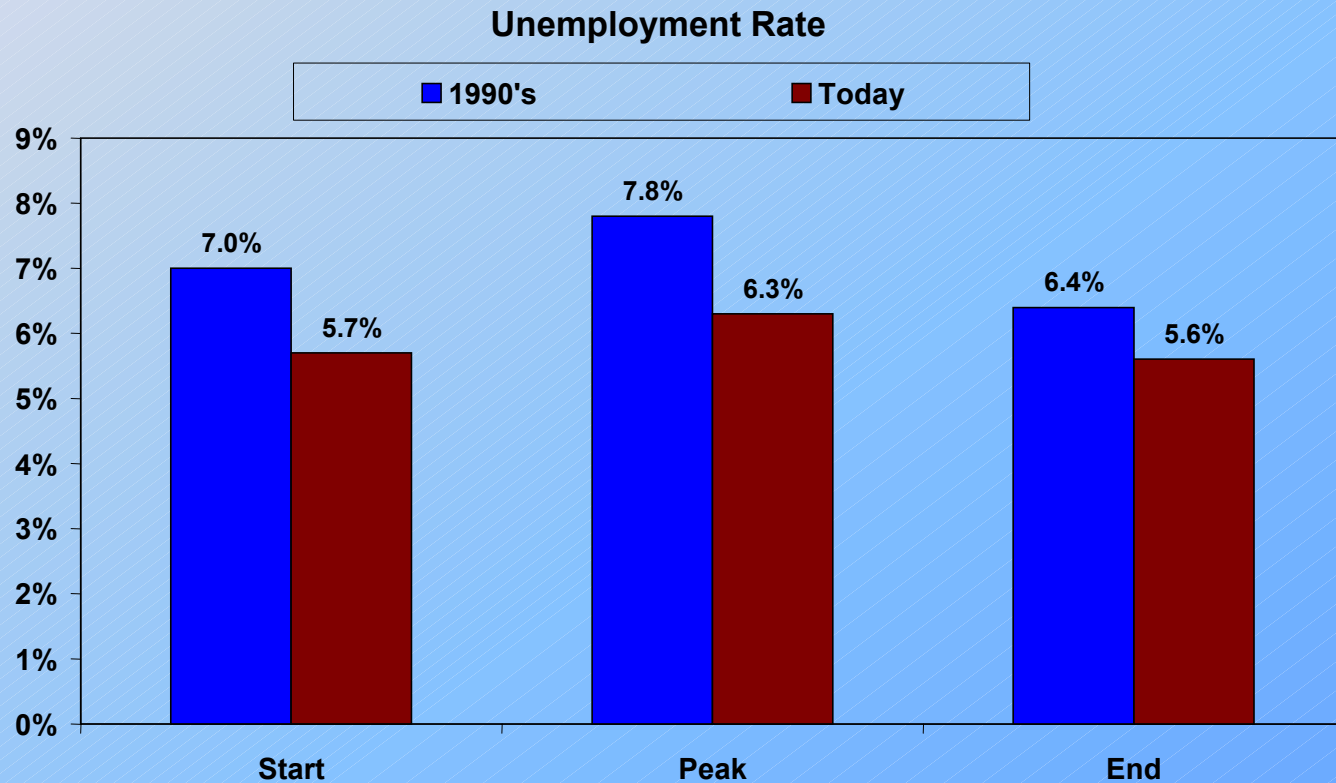


Source: Department of Labor.

# Long-Term Unemployment Falls As Extended Benefits Phase Out



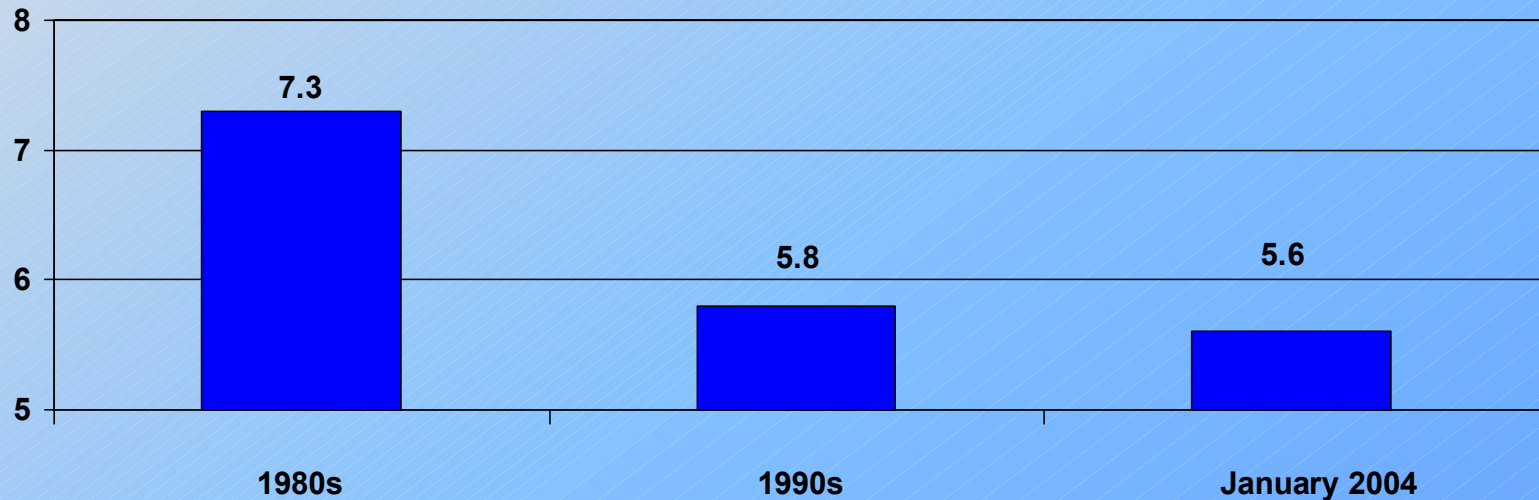
# Democrats Ended 1990s Extended Benefits Program at Higher Unemployment Rates Than Today



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))

# Unemployment Rate Today Below Average for All of 1980s and 1990s

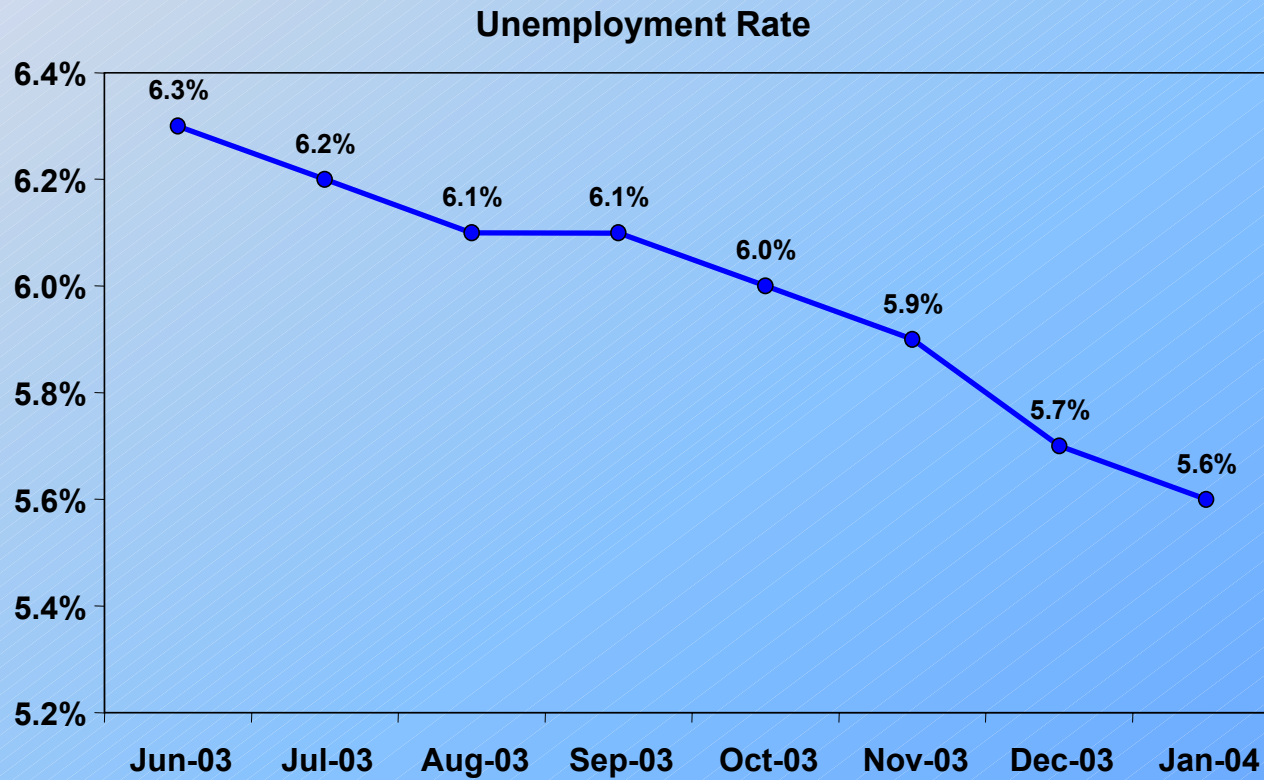
**Unemployment Rate: Recent Decades and Current**



*Source: U.S. Department of Labor*

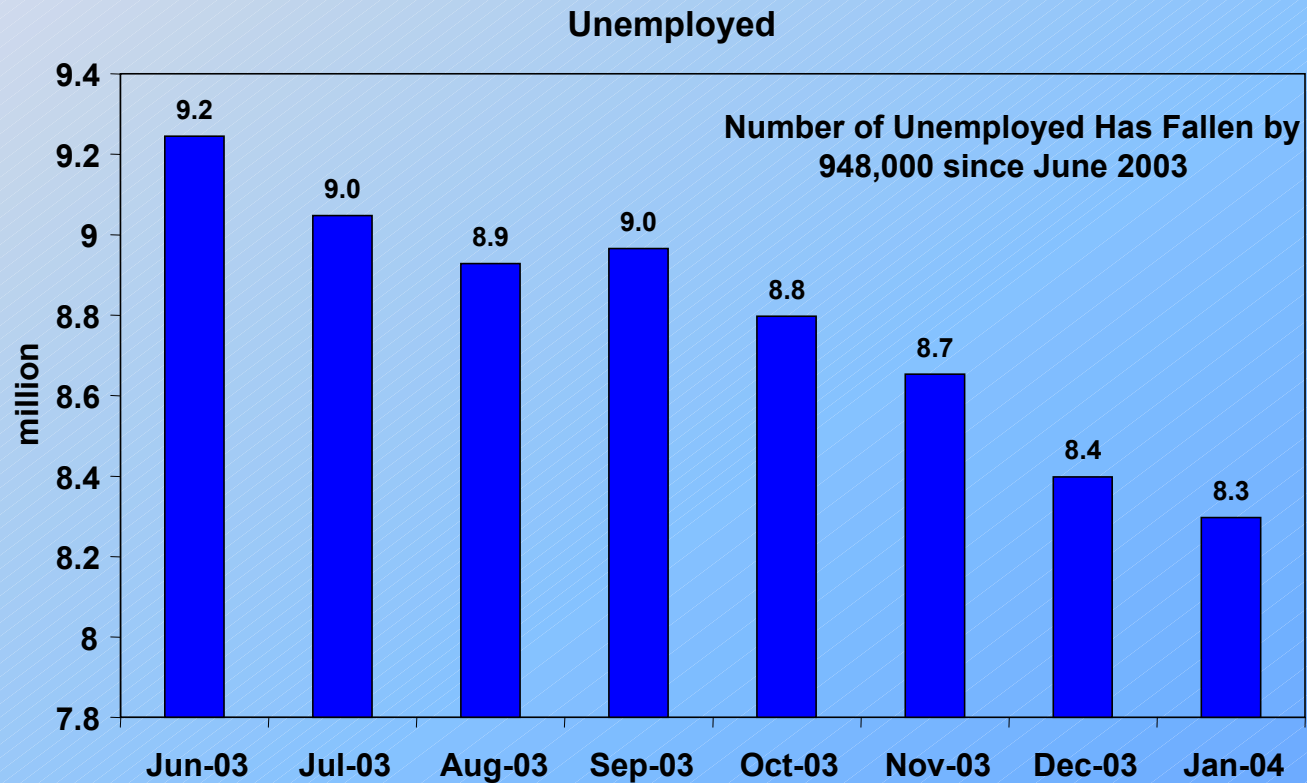


# Unemployment Rate Falling Since June 2003



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))

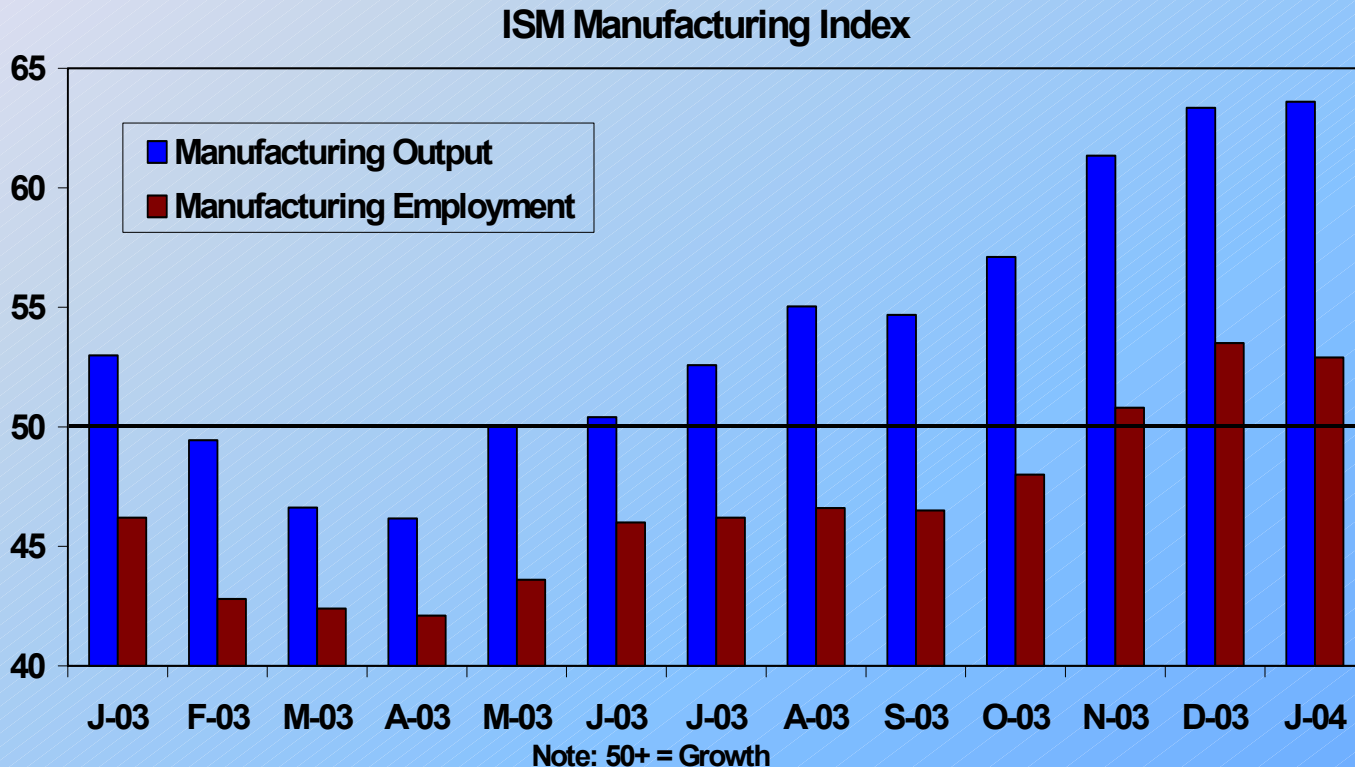
# Number of Unemployed Falling Since June 2003



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))

# Manufacturing Surges in Late 2003

*Manufacturers' Survey shows output and employment increasing*

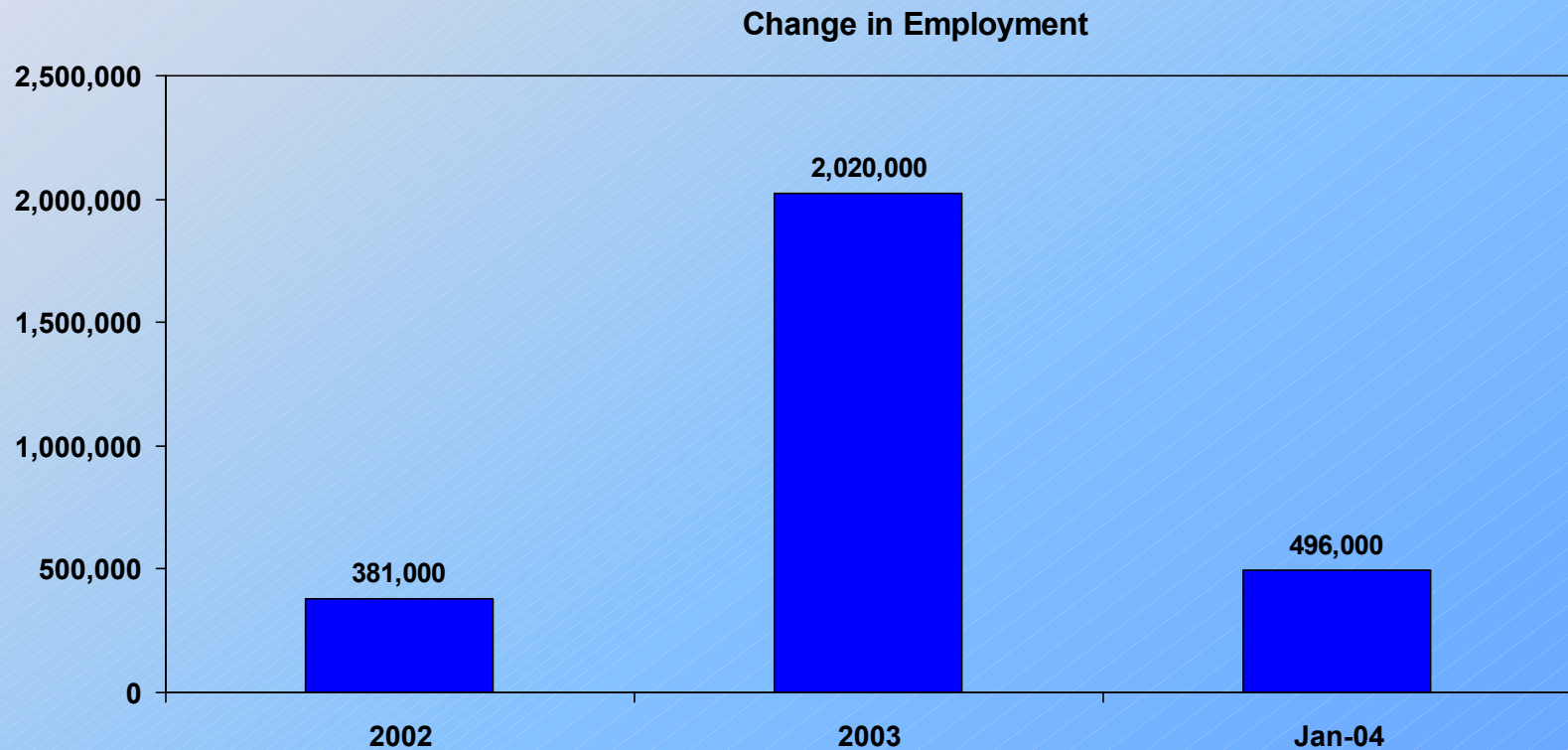


Source: Institute for Supply Management ([www.ism.ws](http://www.ism.ws))

*The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) expects 250,000 new manufacturing jobs in 2004.*

# 2.9 Million More Workers Since 2002

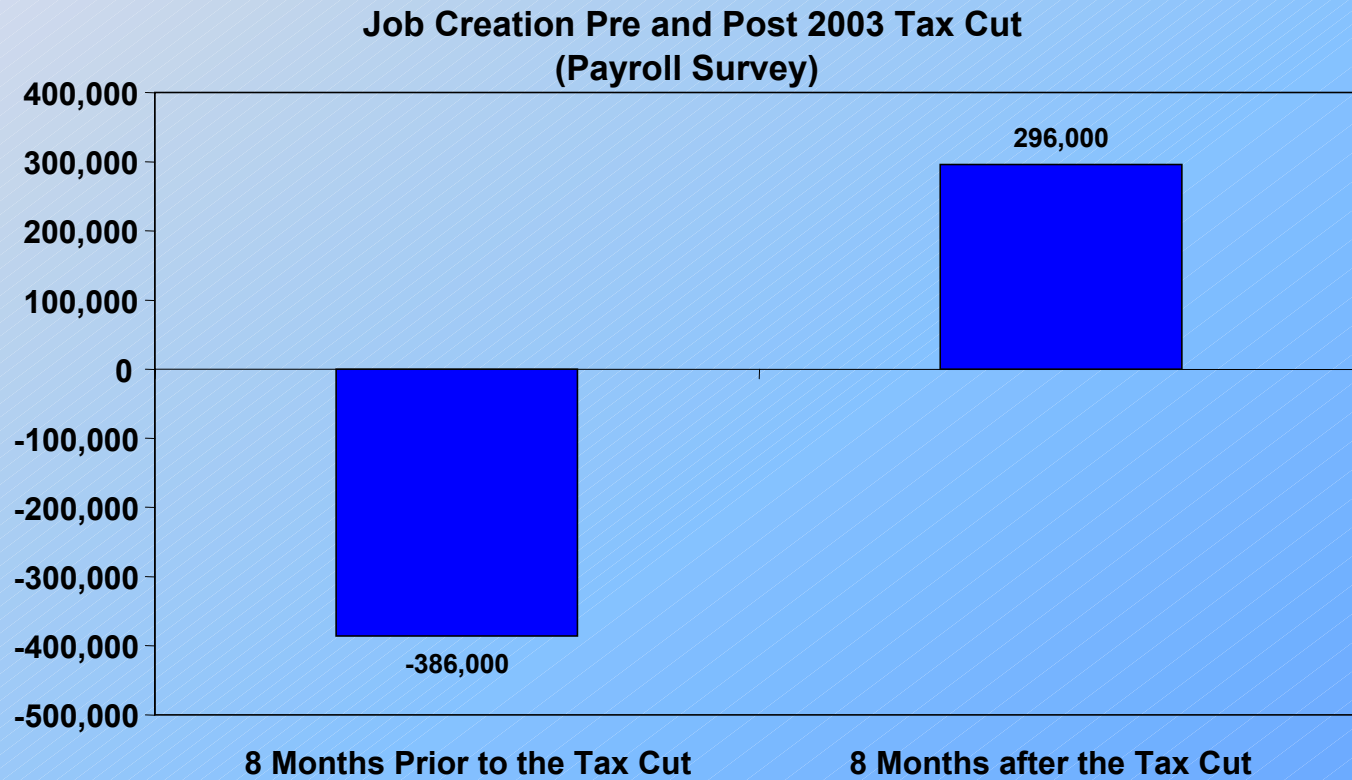
*(Household Survey)*



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))

# 296,000 New Jobs Since May 2003

*(Payroll Survey)*



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov))

## 38 States Have an Unemployment Rate at or Below the Current 5.7 Percent National Average\*



Source: U.S. Department of Labor